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# YEARBOOK

of

## THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

*Oldest Horticultural Society in America*



With Reports for

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Edited by

MRS. E. PAGE ALLINSON

and

The Office Staff

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

389 Broad Street (Suburban) Station Building

1617 Pennsylvania Boulevard, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

## OBJECTIVES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

To stimulate and promote an interest in horticulture in its widest sense: the growing of plants—flowers, shrubs, trees, vegetables and fruits (both large and small). To that end the Society maintains central offices at 389 Broad Street Suburban Station Building in Philadelphia with an excellent library and a trained horticulturist. All facilities are available to members throughout the year. The Society takes a large and important part in The Philadelphia Flower Show, and holds an annual Chrysanthemum Show at Swarthmore in conjunction with the Arthur Hoyt Scott Foundation.

Timely exhibitions are held in the rooms of the Society during the fall, winter and spring months. Of these, the December Christmas decorations and the April Narcissus shows are outstanding.

During the winter lectures are given by leading authorities on different horticultural subjects.

At suitable times in the spring and fall selected private gardens are opened for visits by members of the Society. These garden days are very popular and attract large numbers.

The Society is also interested in civic improvement and beautification, and is at present working on such a project.

Membership dues include a subscription to POPULAR GARDENING, a leading garden magazine, as well as a free ticket to the Philadelphia and Swarthmore Flower Shows and use of the other facilities—lectures, use of the library, garden consultations and garden visits.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, which is the oldest horticultural society in the United States, was founded in 1827 and will celebrate its 125th Anniversary in 1952.

The present membership is over 5,000 and an invitation to join the Society is extended to anyone who may be interested.

Annual Dues, \$5.00

*Toward the Endowment*

Life Membership Fee, \$75.00

(May be paid in installments)

Sustaining Member, \$1,000.00

Benefactor, \$5,000.00

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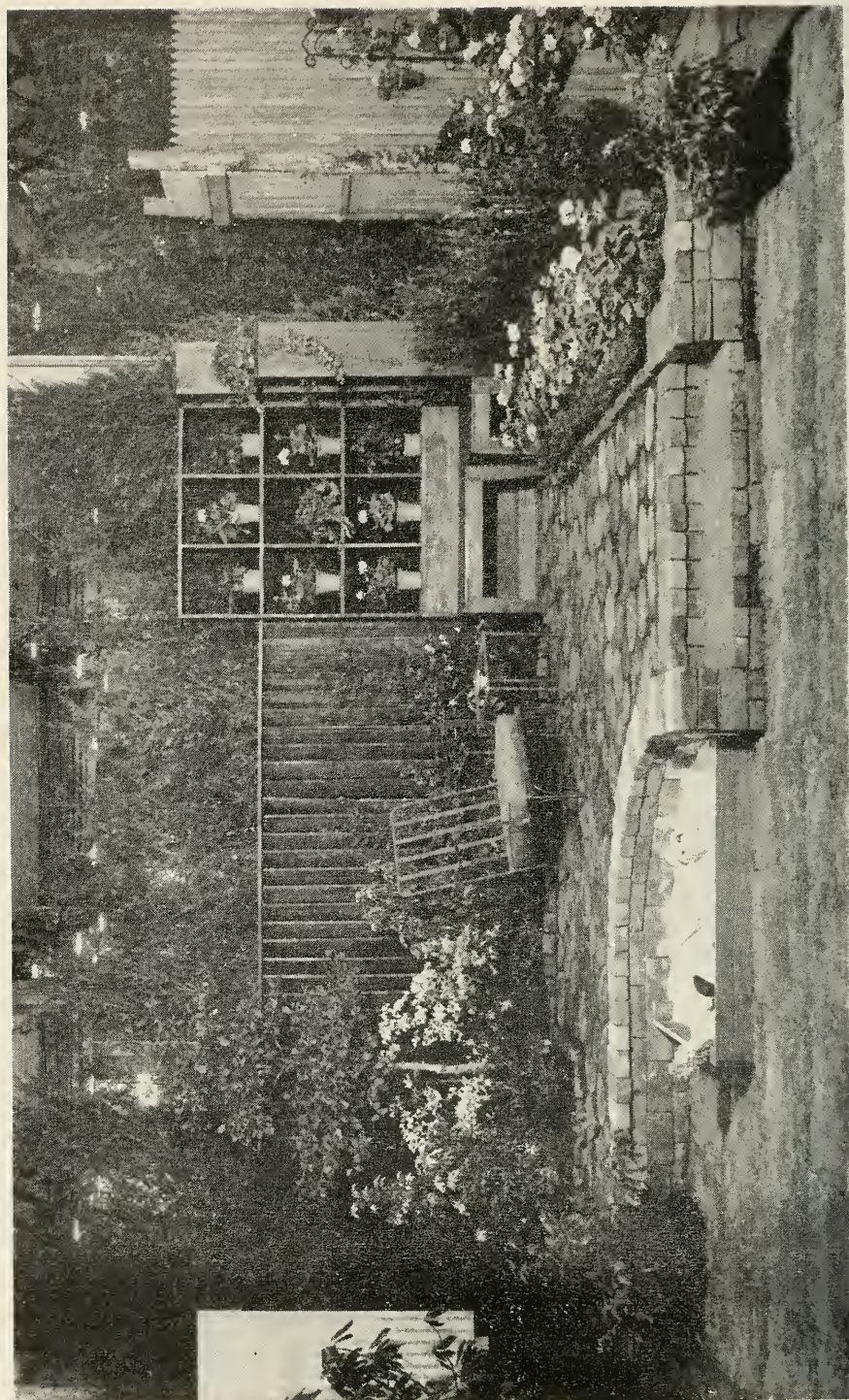
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PRIZE WINNING GARDEN IN PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

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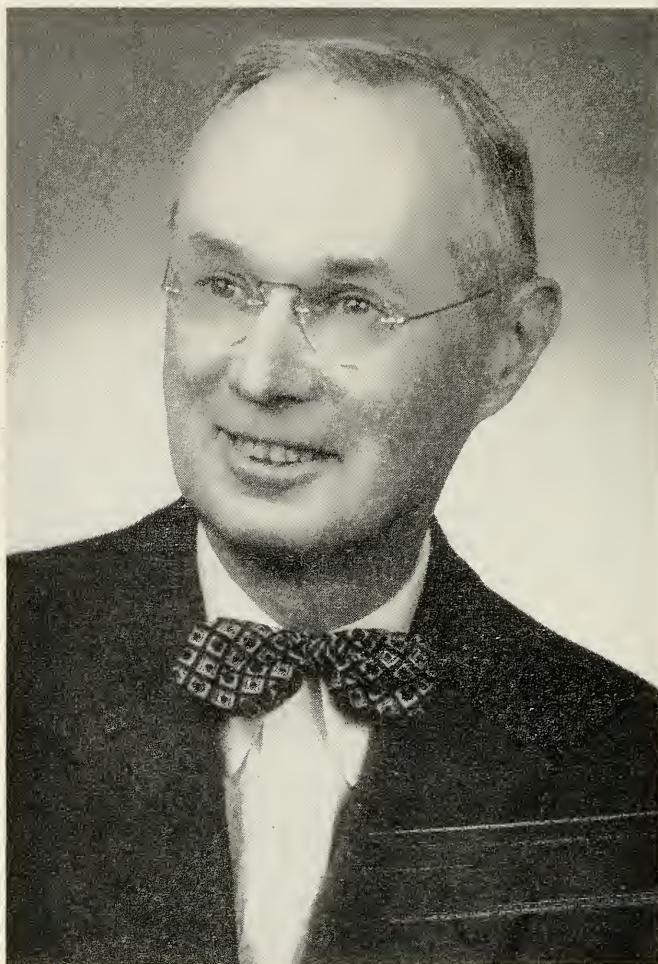
### OFFICE RECORDS — 1951

There were 3,125 visitors to the rooms, including 1,556 who came to special exhibits, and 1,013 who came particularly to the Library. Thirty-two meetings were held in the Board Room by committees of the Society and the Executive Council, and 30 meetings were held by committees of other horticultural groups.

Miss Phillips, the Society's Horticulturist, made 22 visits to gardens of members, wrote 150 letters giving horticultural advice, gave advice to 120 persons in the office and answered more than 500 gardening inquiries over the telephone.

The membership record for the year is as follows:

Membership as of January 1, 1951 . . . . .	5,112
Losses including 42 deaths . . . . .	604
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	4,508
New members added during year . . . . .	733
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Membership as of December 31, 1951 . . . . .	5,241



DR. JOIN B. CARSON, PRESIDENT  
Elected February, 5, 1951

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FOR 1951

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to greet our old members and to extend a warm welcome to our new members on this 124th Anniversary of the founding of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

The beginning of the year 1951 was marked by the resignation of Mr. C. Frederick C. Stout from the position of President of this Society. Mr. Stout had held this office for twenty-one years, a longer term than any other President. His devotion to and interest in The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society will always be appreciated.

The activities of the Society from month to month will be briefly reported upon by the officers and chairmen of standing committees. Changes have been made in these committees with the idea of relieving those who have given their time and services over a long period, and also of bringing in new ideas and enthusiasms.

Thanks and appreciation of the Society are given to Mrs. E. Page Allinson, Mrs. Alan H. Reed, Mrs. F. Woodson Hancock, Mrs. G. Ruhland Rebmann, Jr., Mr. Thomas W. Sears and Mr. Harold W. Graham for their services as former chairmen of committees. The present chairmen have been working since last spring with their committees, and the increased activity and enthusiasm shown by the new personnel has been most stimulating.

Lectures, garden visits, and exhibitions in the Society's rooms have all been well worth the attention and participation of members. During the year Mrs. Charles Platt and her Horticultural Committee successfully carried through a garden improvement project in the neighborhood of League Island. The Philadelphia Flower Show was the highlight of the year, for this is one of the great flower shows in the country, and due to excellent ventilation and large space the plant material usually last better throughout the week here than it does elsewhere. Mrs. W. Beaumont Whitney, Mrs. T. Bromley Flood and many other members worked hard to make the large part taken by The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society so successful.

Recently the annual Chrysanthemum Show was held in Swarthmore. This has been a feature of the autumn season for many years and its success has been largely due to the time and devotion of Mr. Harry Wood. The great reputation of this fall show is chiefly due to him. The Society wishes also to thank Mr. William H. Weber, Chairman; Miss Eleanor David, Mr. Charles Becker, Jr., Mr. Harold Graham, Mr. Walter Hewes and other professional gardeners for their help.

The annual spring luncheon held in March at the time of the Philadelphia Flower Show was well attended; its success was largely due to Mrs. J. Norman Henry. The speaker was Mr. James Rose, Landscape Architect.

The exhibits in the rooms every month and the accompanying displays of selected books from the Library have also attracted much attention. The Narcissus Show in April, the fruit-bearing shrubs in the fall, and the display of Christmas decorations in December are all outstanding. Everyone who possibly can should come to the rooms at these times.

During the year the office staff, besides their routine work, compiled an alphabetical list of members and also catalogued the Lloyd Library. A revision of the By-Laws was made to meet changing conditions.

Having been recently notified that the subscription rate paid by the Society for HORTICULTURE for our members would be substantially increased, the Executive Committee and the Council gave the matter serious thought and consideration. Rather than increase dues or curtail activities, it was decided to affiliate with another excellent garden magazine, POPULAR GARDENING, at a very small increased cost.

Next year will mark the 125th Anniversary of the organization of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. This event will be fittingly commemorated.

Finally I want to thank for the Society all those who have worked so faithfully and to ask each one of you to secure new members so that we may continue not only to grow but also to be more useful and helpful. We want to bring the knowledge of gardening to and share the pleasures of gardening with all who may be interested.

JOHN B. CARSON,

*President.*





JOHN C. WISTER, SECRETARY  
Elected January 4, 1928



# REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1951

## STATEMENT OF CONDITION

September 30, 1951

### ASSETS

#### *Cash*

General Fund—Girard Trust Company	\$19,679.18	
General Fund—Petty Cash	100.00	\$19,779.18

#### Life Membership Fund:

Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co.	\$3,668.91	
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#### Library Committee Fund:

Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co.	656.27	
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#### Pension Fund:

Philadelphia Saving Fund Society	4,628.55	8,953.73	\$28,732.91
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#### *Schaffer Fund Investments*

Girard Trust Company, Trustee		284,895.85
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#### *Investments*

Life Membership Fund	\$51,026.60	
General Fund	28,000.78	
Library Fund	74.00	
Pension Fund	11,016.67	90,118.05

#### *Equipment*

Office Furniture, etc.	\$2,286.89	
Library Books	11,615.82	
Portraits	6,265.00	
Lecture Equipment	225.00	
Field Secretary Equipment	185.81	20,578.52

#### *Supplies*

Medals on Hand		287.60
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<i>Prepaid Expenses</i>		736.01
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Total Assets		\$425,348.94
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### LIABILITIES

None

### FUNDS

<i>Schaffer Fund</i>	\$284,895.85	
<i>General Fund</i>	46,319.90	
<i>Life Membership Fund</i>	54,695.51	
<i>Library Fund</i>	730.27	
<i>Pension Fund</i>	15,645.22	
<i>Special Contributions</i>	9,834.11	412,120.95
<i>Appraisal Adjustment</i>		13,227.99
		\$425,348.94

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

October 1, 1950, to September 30, 1951

## GENERAL FUND

### Receipts

#### Income Received from:

Schaffer Fund—Girard Trust Company .....		\$9,347.92
Interest on Investments .....	\$4,965.45	
Interest on Savings Fund .....	15.85	4,981.30
Annual Dues .....		22,395.00
Special Contributions .....		1,464.25
Total Cash Receipts .....		\$38,188.47

### Expenditures of Committees

Committee	1951 Acct.	1950	1952	Total
Executive .....	\$15,792.33			\$15,792.33
Lecture .....	762.59	—\$95.72	\$62.90	729.77
Exhibition .....	2,546.14		232.43	2,778.57
Library .....	4,166.51			4,166.51
Extension .....	408.36			408.36
Horticultural .....	598.54	—52.06		546.48
Editorial—Mag. HORTICULTURE .....	6,775.93			6,775.93
Pension—Annuities & U.S.Bond .....	1,550.53			1,550.53
Membership .....	1,155.08	—548.00		607.08
Chrysanthemum Show .....		—509.16	440.68	—68.48
Total Cash Expenditures ..	\$33,756.01	—\$1,204.94	\$736.01	\$33,287.08
Net Excess of Cash Receipts over Expenditures .....				\$4,901.39
Cash on Hand, September 30, 1950 .....				14,877.79
Cash on Hand, September 30, 1951 .....				\$19,779.18

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

Balance, October 1, 1950—Uninvested Cash .....	\$3,756.34
Receipts:	
36 New Members, 1950-51 .....	\$975.00
112 Old Members paid in 1950-51 .....	1,385.00
Total cash to be accounted for .....	\$6,116.34
Disbursements:	
Purchased 100 Shares Universal Leaf Tobacco Stock .....	2,447.43
Balance, September 30, 1951—Uninvested Cash .....	\$3,668.91

## LIBRARY FUND

Balance, October 1, 1950—Uninvested Cash	\$526.52
<i>Receipts:</i>	
Transferred for General Fund—Sale of Library Books	125.00
Interest—January 9, 1951	4.75
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Balance, September 30, 1951—Uninvested Cash	\$656.27

## PENSION FUND

Balance, October 1, 1950		\$3,627.66
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Net Proceeds October, 1950, Judging School	\$122.74	
Net Proceeds, April, 1951, Judging School	95.46	
Net Proceeds, Sale of Calendars	30.00	
Donations	5.00	
Interest—December 31, 1950	38.87	
Garden Visits—Gross Receipts less Taxes	708.82	1,000.89
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Transferred from Ordinary Income	\$1,480.00	
Purchase of Securities	1,480.00	
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Balance, September 30, 1951		\$4,628.55

## THE LIBRARY — 1951

A total of 40 new titles has been added to the collections during the year in our specified fields of horticultural and landscaping material, monographs of genera, aspects of forestry and conservation, and a reasonable proportion of general works on history and practice of gardening and gardening records. Fifteen gifts of books have been received and the Library Committee extends once more its gratitude to the donors. Visitors to the library during the past year total 1,013. 567 books have circulated and many questions were answered by telephone or mail.

At the time of the Library Open House in February a cross section of books was displayed representing different aspects of the Society's collections, with special emphasis on botanical illustration. In June at the annual meeting of the Herb Society of America held in Fairmount Park, a display of herbals from our library added greatly to the conference which was attended by herb growers from all over the country. Later in the summer the display department of John Wanamaker asked for help in obtaining illustrations of spice plants which could be photostated. These were found in three of our herbals which provided excellent figures for reproduction, with credit given to the Society.

A recent display of old gardening books containing chapters on bee culture attracted much favorable attention at the annual meeting of the Bee Keepers Association held at the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania.

With the cataloguing of the Lloyd collection and listing of these valuable volumes with the Union Library Catalogue, the old gardening books have been made available to scholars. A more general use of our books is made in connection with the exhibits in the rooms when works relating to current exhibitions are displayed.

Remember that the library has books to help you on every gardening subject; if you have a paper to write or a talk to give, turn to the library. If you want to know more about some specific plant you are growing, the Horticultural Library will either have the answer or tell you where it can be found. We have books on foreign gardens, books which are amusing or mildly philosophical as well as factual, and most important of all, the indispensable reference books. Watch for news of recent accessions in *POPULAR GARDENING* and visit the library often. If you are unable to come in, write or telephone for books to be mailed to you. The Library Committee welcomes suggestions of titles you would like to see added to our collections.

ESTELLE L. SHARP, *Chairman,*

## LIBRARY ACCESSIONS — 1950-51

- ARKELL, REGINALD. Old Herbaceous. Harcourt, 1951.
- AUL, HENRY B. How to Build Garden Structures. Sheridan House, 1950.
- BAILEY, LIBERTY HYDE. Principles of Agriculture. Rural Science Series, 1931.
- BERRALL, JULIA. Flowers and Table Settings. Studio-Crowell, 1951.
- BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS. Garden Book. Meredith, 1951.
- BIFFEN, ROWLAND. The Auricula. Cambridge University Press, 1951.
- BLUNT, WILFRID. The Art of Botanical Illustration. Scribner, 1951.
- BRIGGS, LOUTREL. Charleston Gardens. University of South Carolina, 1951.
- BROMFIELD, LOUIS. Out of the Earth. Harper, 1950.
- CATER, RUTH. Tree Trails and Hobbies. American Garden Guild, 1950.
- COON, NELSON. Nursery Sales and Management. De La Mare, 1931.
- CORLISS, PHILIP A. Hemerallis. The Author, 1951.
- CROOK, H. CLIFFORD. Campanulas. Country Life, 1951.
- DELAPLAINE, MERIBAH. A Pennsylvania Garden. Magce, 1951.
- EKBO, GARRETT. Landscape for Living. Duell, Sloan & Pearce, 1950.
- FERNALD, MERRITT LYNDON. Gray's Manual of Botany, 8th Edition. American Book, 1950.
- FISHER, LOUISE B. Eighteenth Century Garland. Colonial Williamsburg, nc., 1951.
- FORESTIER, J. C. N. Gardens, a Note-Book of Plans. Scribner, 1940.
- GERBING, C. H. Camellias, Series 2. The Author, 1945.
- GODUNOV, A. Z. Surgery with a Spade. Morrison, 1949.
- GRIMM, WILLIAM C. Trees of Pennsylvania. Stackpole, 1951.
- JOHNSON, LOYAL R. How to Landscape Your Grounds. De La Mare, 1950.
- KEENEY, SUSAN DOROTHEA. Circle of the Sun. Falmouth, 1950.
- MUSSER, H. BURTON. Turf Management. McGraw-Hill, 1950.
- OAKLEY, AMY. Our Pennsylvania. Bobbs-Merrill, 1950.
- ORTLOFF AND RAYMORE. Color and Design for Every Garden. Barrows, 1951.
- PALMER, E. LAURENCE. Fieldbook of Natural History. McGraw-Hill, 1951.
- PEATTIE, DONALD CULROSS. Natural History of Trees. Houghton, 1950.
- PFEIFFER, EHRENFRIED. Earth's Face and Human Destiny. Rodale, 1951.
- ROHDE, ELEANOR SINCLAIR. Rose Recipes. Routledge, England, 1939.
- ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. Camellias & Magnolias, 1950.  
Daffodil & Tulip Yearbooks, 1940, 1950.  
Lily Yearbook, 1950.
- SCOTT, ERNEST L. & ALEITA H. Chrysanthemums for Pleasure, 2nd ed. Authors, 1950.
- SLOSSON, ELVENIA. Pioneer American Gardening. Coward, 1951.
- WATTS, R. L. Vegetable Forcing. Judd, 1924.
- WESTCOTT, CYNTHIA. The Plant Doctor, 3rd ed. Lippincott, 1950.
- WILSON, HELEN vanPELT. The Joy of Flower Arranging. Barrows, 1951.
- WISE, SEYMOUR. The Garden Encyclopedia. Wise, Inc., 1951.
- WOOD, ANNE WERTSNER. Make Your Own Merry Christmas, 2nd ed. Barrows, 1951.
- WOODCOCK & STEARN. Lilies of the World. Scribner, 1950.
- WRIGHT, WALTER P. Pictorial Practical Rose Growing. Cassell, 1924.



## PERIODICALS

African Violet Magazine, Agricultural Index, Alpine Garden Society Bulletin, American Dahlia Society Bulletin, American Delphinium Society Yearbook, American Fern Journal, American Forests, American Fruit Grower, American Home, American Iris Society Bulletin, American Orchid Society Bulletin, American Peony Society Bulletin, American Primrose Society Quarterly, American Rhododendron Society Quarterly, American Rock Garden Society Bulletin, American Rose Annual, American Rose Magazine, Arnold Arboretum Journal, Arnoldia, Audubon Magazine, Begonian, Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research Contributions, Cactus and Succulent Journal, California Horticultural Society Journal, Castanea, Cornell Plantations, Cultivator, Curtis's Botanical Magazine, Eastern States Cooperator, Florist's Exchange, Flower Grower, Frontiers, Garden, Garden Club of America Bulletin, Garden Glories, Garden Gossip, Gardener's Chronicle, Gardening Illustrated, Gladiolus Review, Herb Grower, Herbarist, Home Acres, Home Garden, Horticultural Society of New York Bulletin, Horticulture, House and Garden, Journal of Heredity, Journal of Horticultural Science, Landscape Architecture, Market Grower's Journal, Missouri Botanical Garden Bulletin, Morton Arboretum Bulletin, National Gardener, National Horticultural Magazine, Nature Magazine, New York Botanical Garden Journal, Orchid Digest, Organic Gardening, Pennsylvania Forests, Plant Life, Plants and Gardens, Popular Gardening, Rhodora, The Rose, Royal Horticultural Society Journal, Trees, Tulip Tidings, Wild Flower, Wisconsin Horticulture.

## LECTURES

Three afternoon lectures were held in the auditorium of the Young Women's Christian Association on Chestnut Street and five evening lectures in the Library. Practical horticultural subjects were dealt with by various competent speakers.

On Thursday afternoons in January and February, Mrs. Anne Wertsner Wood, the popular writer and lecturer, gave "Highlights of the Year" illustrated with beautiful kodachrome slides which she herself had taken both at home and on her trips to other states; Mr. R. P. Korbobo of the New Jersey College of Agriculture talked on, "Landscaping the Home Grounds—with special emphasis on the back yard," dramatically illustrated with felt figures on a board; Mr. B. Y. Morrison, Director of the National Arboretum in Washington, D. C., spoke on that Arboretum.

On Tuesday evenings in the library the lectures were "Annuals and Perennials" by Anne Wertsner Wood; "Cold Frames and Hot Beds" by Martha L. Garra of the School of Horticulture; "Garden Aristocrats" by Harry Wood, Superintendent of Grounds, Swarthmore College; "Propagation" with graphic demonstrations of grafting by Percy W. Adams, former propagator of the Morris Arboretum; "The Small Garden" by Gertrude M. Smith, Editor of the NATIONAL GARDENER.

Two series of lectures will again be offered in 1952: a course of four free lectures on general topics beginning in January, and in February a subscription course of three lectures on planning the home grounds. This second series will include practical advice as to design, plant materials, and control of pests and diseases. Each member may bring one guest to the first series, and non-members as well as members are invited to subscribe to the second. There is a variety of subjects to appeal to many types of garden lovers. We hope you will make use of this opportunity to interest your friends in the work of the Society. For details consult your winter program and the columns of POPULAR GARDENING.

JOHN M. FOGG, JR.,  
*Chairman.*

## GARDEN VISITS

The 1951 garden visits under the able chairmanship of Mr. Thomas W. Sears were most successful. Nineteen private gardens were visited with a total attendance of 1,776. The gardens were interesting and diversified and the Horticultural Society wishes to express its appreciation to those who generously opened their gardens. We take this opportunity to again thank the owners. The Society is grateful also to its members and their guests who are always careful of these properties. When visitors leave, the hosts express appreciation of the consideration shown.

The gardens visited in 1951 were those of the Rev. Dr. James M. Niblo, Major and Mrs. Joseph K. Fornance, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Gruber, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Halford, Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. W. Beaumont Whitney, II, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crouter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Reifsnyder, Dr. and Mrs. Walter P. Havens, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Annenberg, Mr. and Mrs. C. Frederick C. Stout, Dr. and Mrs. Francis G. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rebmann, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin K. Daly, Dr. and Mrs. John B. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Eugene Newbold, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reed. A bus was chartered for each day and proved most convenient.

In 1952 we plan to have three garden days in the spring and one in the fall. The first will be on May 3rd at Montchanin, near Wilmington, Delaware. The second will be on May 10th in the Chestnut Hill section, and the third will be on May 17th along the Main Line and will feature several small gardens taken care of by their owners. We hope that all the owners will be on hand to answer questions. The fourth garden day will feature Chrysanthemums and will be in October, the date to be announced later.

The bus will be chartered as before, and the committee hopes many members will take the tours.

FRANCES T. CARSON,  
(Mrs. John B. Carson)  
*Chairman.*

## EXHIBITIONS — 1951

The first of the two large shows in which the Society participated was The Philadelphia Flower Show held in the Commercial Museum, March 6 to 10, 1951. The Society's share centered about the theme "Pennsylvania—Then and Now," illustrated with Colonial and ranch-type houses and gardens along both sides of the center aisle and echoed in the furniture groupings, tables and flower arrangement niches. Mrs. T. Bromley Flood was Chairman of the Society's Special Committee for the show, and attended to the many details involved with extremely satisfactory results. The Staff Horticulturist, Miss May Phillips, took charge of the secretarial work, and with the assistance of Mr. Walter L. Hewes, helped to stage the show.

The Chrysanthemum Show was held as usual in the Swarthmore College Field House, November 9th, 10th and 11th. The late date proved disastrous to the amateur gardeners who usually vie for honors at this show. Freezing weather the previous week destroyed all outside material but fortunately the exhibit of Mrs. H. A. Myrin staged by William McGawn added great interest. The Philadelphia and Wilmington branches of The National Association of Gardeners are to be commended for their fine displays. The cut flower tables were crowded due to increased competition, and in most cases material was above average.

The Morris Arboretum arranged an unusual display under the direction of Miss Margaret Lancaster of the Arboretum staff. The idea resulted from the bee garden honoring the father of bee-keeping, Lorenzo Langstroth, recently dedicated at the Arboretum. A colorful display of berried branches was arranged by Charles Becker, Jr., with the cooperation of the Arthur Hoyt Scott Foundation and Mr. Harry Wood, Superintendent. The orchid display arranged by The Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society was also impressive, and competition was keen.

I wish to express my thanks to the able committee which served so well. Criticisms will be welcomed by the committee because we are striving to correct any mistakes that may have been made in the past, and to work harmoniously with the exhibitors.

In 1952 there will probably be several minor changes in the scheduled classes of the Chrysanthemum Show, and the innovation of a special class that will be announced later.

WILLIAM H. WEBER,  
*Chairman.*

## DISPLAYS IN THE ROOMS — 1950-51

A great variety of horticultural interest was represented in the displays in the rooms of the Society during the year. The first display of the 1950-1951 season was admirably staged by Mr. C. N. Keyser of the Bartlett Tree Expert Company, and showed samples of ravages made by diseases and pests on familiar trees and shrubs. This was followed in November by a very popular display of African Violets from the Tinari Nurseries. In December the annual show of Christmas decorations, under the chairmanship of Mrs. H. Chace Tatnall, attracted 681 visitors in three days. During January winter beauty of trees and shrubs from Swarthmore was brought indoors but garden lovers in February had to quench their nostalgia with pictures of flowers in a book display of rare horticultural books and flower plates selected from the Society's augmented library. March brought a most unusual exhibit of montages, constructed from plant material by Mr. Christian G. Diehl. They represented landscapes of extraordinary color and perspective made from ferns and pine needles, dried corn-leaves and many varieties of deciduous leaves.

In April the annual Narcissus Show was in luck with the weather. The results were more entries than ever before and a good attendance during the two-day exhibit. In October the Morris Arboretum showed trees and shrubs for their fall coloring. Miss Margaret Lancaster, of the Arboretum staff, deserves great credit for an unusually beautiful exhibit which was changed every week and so carried on throughout the month. In mid-October Mr. Charles Becker, Jr., Mr. Howard Mason Clark, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hagerman, and some members of the Men's Chrysanthemum Club of Norristown staged a three-day show of early hardy Chrysanthemums which were exceptionally well grown.

Plans for 1952 include an exhibit of Orchids by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society, an exhibition of horticultural paintings by members, followed by a display of Camellias. The annual Narcissus Show, managed by Mrs. James H. Robins, with the aid of the Wissahickon Garden Club, will have a special feature

These room displays are free and are planned for your benefit. We hope you will come to them all and bring your friends. If you have any suggestions please let us know, for we would like to give you what would interest you. Much credit goes to Miss May Phillips, of our office staff, for her work in planning and arranging these displays.

MARGARETTA D. WOOD,  
(Mrs. Richard D. Wood, Jr.)  
*Chairman.*



## HORTICULTURAL PROJECTS — 1951

The Horticultural Committee has sponsored two projects in the past year. First, a Daffodil Project, in which four similar varieties of newer kinds were offered to members at a discount to be shown in competition at the 1952 Spring Daffodil Show of the Society. We hope there will be keen competition and a good representation.

Second, a Planting Project. In April the Horticultural Committee visited eight of the Philadelphia Housing Authority's set-ups and selected the League Island Homes in which to do some planting. This one was chosen because it had had nothing done for it. The gable ends of seven rows of one story units facing Vare Avenue were planted with simple material, and a generous amount of Bovung was given each plant in the poor filled-in soil. We bought material from the Andorra Nurseries who did the planting for us.

The Housing Authority had the beds dug in advance and were most cooperative in every way. The Horticultural Committee provided and planted ivy and some day-lilies. A meeting was held in the Community Center attended by about fifty of the tenants, all of whom seemed interested and attentive. We explained what we were trying to do, encouraged them to make every effort to protect the plants we had put in, offered cash prizes for the planting in the best condition in the autumn, and promised them a small flower show at that time. We agreed to judge their flowers grown from the packets of seed distributed to each household.

Patricia Spollen, Garden Editor of THE EVENING BULLETIN, attended the meeting with a photographer and gave a good notice on the project in the following Sunday edition. The meeting was also attended by the head of the Philadelphia Housing Authority, and Mr. Allen Lincoln in charge of the grounds. If what we have done so far is well cared for, we hope to continue the planting.

Following a notice given this project in the June issue of HORTICULTURE a letter was received from the Baltimore Housing Authority asking for further details about our project with the idea of doing something similar in their housing developments.

In September we held the Flower Show, inspection of gardens and awarding of prizes. Cash awards were given for the gable end plantings, and twenty-four Certificates of Merit for good front yards. Some of these were amazing when one considers all the odds against them.

At the little Flower Show there were many creditable entries. We had five classes: Zinnias, Marigolds, Petunias, and Phlox—and a class for any other flower, one or more varieties. We felt that our venture into South Philadelphia had been most rewarding, had borne better fruit than we dared to expect, and we hope to continue for another year.

DOROTHY FALCON PLATT,  
(Mrs. Charles Platt)  
*Chairman.*



## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee asks your enthusiastic cooperation in interesting new people in the Society. It is a well-known fact that the best salesmen are satisfied customers. We assume that you are all "satisfied customers." You no doubt have some criticisms and many suggestions for making our Society more useful in the community; we on the Council will always be glad to have you tell us of them.

We also want you to talk about the Society. Tell people about our fine lecture program under Dr. Fogg, of the horticultural displays in the rooms, of our remarkable library from which books may be borrowed by mail as well as by free access to stacks, of the services of a professional garden consultant. Then invite them to join us.

There are many new neighborhoods where people are obviously taking an interest in planting their places, and where the advantages of belonging to a horticultural society are not known. Won't you help us to get in touch with these people? Tell them we are equipped to help them with their gardening projects and to give the pleasure of sharing them with others. Or send us the names and we'll do the rest.

MARY REBMANN,  
(Mrs. G. Ruhland Rebmann)  
*Chairman.*

## 125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

A special committee is enthusiastically making plans to celebrate fittingly the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Society. These plans include an Anniversary Dinner, and a horticultural project which will be of lasting benefit to the city of Philadelphia and its visitors. Details of the plans will be announced as the year progresses.

The charming anniversary seal designed by Mrs. Charles Platt adorns the cover of this Yearbook and the stationery used by the Society office. Publicity has already started under the vigorous direction of Mrs. Winthrop H. Battles. Every member will be given an opportunity to contribute in some way toward the success of this celebration which will take place on or near November 24, 1952.

## ANNUAL MEETING — 1951

About 100 members came to the Library on November 21st to participate in the Annual Meeting. One-third of the members of the Society's Council are elected each year and accordingly eight candidates were presented by Mrs. G. Ruhland Rebmann, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and were duly elected to serve during 1952-53-54. (See list of Council members.) Reports were given by the various Chairmen, and plans for 1952 announced. The report of the Secretary, Mr. John C. Wister, gave some interesting historical facts in regard to the Society, now 124 years old, and urged the forward look with changes in accord with the changing times.

The speaker of the occasion was Mr. E. L. D. Seymour, Horticultural Editor of *THE AMERICAN HOME*, and Garden Editor of the useful *GARDEN ENCYCLOPEDIA*. A condensation of his inspiring talk follows.

The meeting adjourned in an enthusiastic mood, for activities reported gave evidence of the realization of the many ideals suggested by the speaker, while plans for the coming year gave hope of further broadening our areas of service.

## SEVEN LAMPS OF HORTICULTURE

*Digest of an address by Mr. E. L. D. Seymour, Horticultural Editor,  
THE AMERICAN HOME, given at the annual meeting, 1951*

One hundred or more years ago John Ruskin in "The Seven Lamps of Architecture" discussed what he called the "fundamental psychical principles" of that art. As basic philosophy they may still be accepted. So with a bow to Ruskin, I offer "Seven Lamps of Horticulture"—stars or guiding lights that can perhaps help bring to increased fruition ideals that have inspired and are inspiring your efforts.

As I see them they are the lamps of Knowledge, Truth, Beauty, Fitness, Service, Tolerance, and Reverence. Each shines with its own peculiar brilliance, but their rays mingle to supplement and reinforce one another so that they merge into one vast, inspiring constellation.

Of the fundamental importance and almost limitless power of Knowledge I need say little, for it demonstrates its worth on every hand. Sometimes we tend to credit much of the success in plant growing to some instinctive skill, or the faculty of a "green thumb." Of course experience is invaluable, as is manual dexterity and the ability to translate theory into practice, but basic knowledge is a power that must not be underestimated.

As you realize the responsibility of a horticultural society in this connection, you appreciate what the Secretary of The Massachusetts Horticultural Society meant when he wrote more than half a century ago: "The work of horticultural education is continuous, nor in its curriculum is there a royal road." This lamp of knowledge is beginning to shed light in many community-improvement enterprises.

The second lamp, Truth, teams up with that of knowledge in setting a course for horticulture to steer by. It is so easy to pick up and pass along a casual guess or hasty conclusion until it finally appears to be a definite, proven fact. Let us not confuse isolated instances of success under certain conditions with carefully checked experiments from which basic truths can be derived. Of course there will be continuing advances in gardening techniques and materials, but let us make sure of all the facts as illumined by the lamp of truth before proclaiming them. Basic principles and practices don't grow unreliable as they grow old. Indeed many of our "new inventions" turn out to be reincarnations of long-forgotten ideas.

Beauty, the third lamp, I think of as another name for Horticulture—and surely there is no need for me to enlarge on that. Someone was once rash enough to list what he considered "the five most beautiful things in the world." He nominated a beautiful woman, a lovely child, a flower, a sunset, a beautiful building. The first three are candidates essentially

associated with gardens, and I enjoyed one of the most glorious sunsets I can remember while leaning on a spading fork.

The next lamp, Fitness, means the proper use of the right materials and methods in the right places. This applies not only to the choice of plants and the various accessories of gardening, but also to the design and development of the planting so as to meet the needs and fit the way of life of those who will use the garden. It relates to the design, placing and planting of public buildings, parks, memorials and the like where horticulture has a special opportunity and responsibility that should not be overlooked. It relates to the appreciation and use of native, appropriate plants in beautifying our highways and countrysides rather than exotic materials valued mainly because they are imported.

Perhaps the fifth lamp, Service, already burns the brightest of all those that illumine the field of horticulture. Certainly plant lovers and gardeners are usually ready to share their knowledge, treasures, pleasures and achievements. There is almost no limit to the extent to which we in horticulture can render services of many kinds to people of all types and ages, especially children. Right now, a shining example is the increasing use of gardening in the rehabilitation of invalids. We have seen a remarkable awakening of neighborhood spirit as a result of community vegetable gardens. We have at all times a tremendous opportunity and obligation to make horticulture a vital factor in building a powerful and enduring nation of happy homes and well-integrated people. No small part of the work of organizations like The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society should consist of giving the sort of advice and guidance in gardening in the broadest sense that the citizens of to-morrow will need.

What of the lamp of Tolerance? I doubt if anyone can be more positive and inflexible in his opinions than a dyed-in-the-wool horticulturist, whether practical gardener, teacher, research worker, or flower show judge! Yet I think part of the geniality and brotherhood of our craft comes from the fact that while each of us knows that his or her way is unquestionably the right one, still we grant the other fellow full right to the idea (deluded though it may be) that his way is equally correct. I hope the reflector of the lamp of Tolerance in your Society will always be kept spotless and clear, for this precious virtue is needed badly out beyond our gardens in the world around us. In many ways we can spread the benign influence of horticulture among more and more people.

One way is to keep bright the seventh lamp—of Reverence. For it is not enough to depend on knowledge and skill and the application of sound scientific principles. There must be something deeper; a faith in, and reverence for, the wonders and miracles and glories of Nature that seem inseparable from the contemplation of growing plants. In the light of reverence we see horticulture revealed as an integral part of a complete, well-rounded life. We see it, no less than any other art, as a part of the truly cultured man or woman. We know that through horticulture body



and soul are renewed and recreated; that gardens provide a common denominator of interest, a friendly meeting place for people of all kinds.

There is a challenge! To make of gardening everywhere a phase of living that is not limited and static but boundless and ecstatic. The way is long, the problems will be many. You have taken many forward steps and many more lie ahead to be taken with eagerness, but, as someone has said, "The gods send threads for a web begun." In 124 years this Society has made a magnificent start in the spinning of a web of usefulness that can bind together many souls and many diverse interests. You will accept gratefully the threads that the gods send, but you will not depend upon, nor wait for, them. You don't have to—for among the greatest rewards that horticulture has to offer is the heart-warming knowledge that what you do through your Society is for the good of all; that now and for all time horticulture is for humanity.

## OBITUARY

### C. FREDERICK C. STOUT

1869 - 1952

Charles Frederick Cloua Stout died in his home in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, on the morning of January 30th last. At the time of his death Mr. Stout was Honorary President of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and had served as President for twenty-one years, 1930 - 1951, the longest term in the Society's history.

In the course of a long and useful life Mr. Stout became well-known in Philadelphia as President of the John R. Evans Leather Company, as a Trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, and for sixteen years as a member of the Federal Reserve Bank Board. He was a member of many clubs and learned societies including the Union League and Merion Cricket Club, the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, Academy of Natural Sciences, the Zoological Society, Franklin Institute and Pennsylvania Museum of Fine Arts.

Mr. Stout's gardens were famous; the spring garden in Ardmore was always open to visitors and the roses and delphinium of the summer garden in Northeast Harbor, Maine, attracted visitors from many miles away. His gentle and kindly personality as well as his ability and judgment will be very much missed in his native community of Philadelphia.

NOTE—The sad news of Mr. Stout's death reached the Society just as the Year-book went to press.



## Necrology

The following is a list of the members of this Society whose deaths have been reported during the year.

### HONORARY

Dr. Merritt Lyndon Fernald

### LIFE

Miss Gertrude Abbott	Mr. Thomas H. Hall, Jr.
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Mr. Harry G. Haskell	Mr. Eugene W. Wall
Mr. Charles Haydock	Mr. Arthur H. Wartman
Mrs. Charles Heebner	Mrs. Joseph L. Weller
Miss Beatrice Henszey	Mrs. Mark Willcox

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